



Mackasey retracts earlier offer; talks stalled indefinitely

by Michael Lewis

The negotiations between the Government and the 22 thousand mail sorters from all over the country broke down yesterday when Postmaster General Bryce Mackasey announced that he wanted to change some of the previously agreed-upon clauses in the contract.

Before last Monday, both the Government and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) had agreed on 170 of the 240 clauses of the proposed contract. Yesterday however, Mackasey said that he wanted to change 15 of the agreed-upon clauses to apply only to full-time as opposed to part-time labour. Furthermore, Mackasey wanted to "revise" his original offer for a wage increase of 38 per cent which was to have stretched over a 30 month period.

The strike was called because of an ultimatum delivered by the Government last Monday night which said that, if negotiations were to continue, the CUPW would have to accept its original wage offer. The CUPW refused adamantly, saying that all questions involving wages were to be the final item on the agenda.

G. Waddington, the chief negotiator for the Government, told the chief union negotiator, Jean Claude Parrot, that the union "must" say yes. When Parrot called this demand an ultimatum, Waddington said that, "it is an ultimatum, there is no doubt about that, you said it".

However, Mackasey said the next day that there had been no ultimatum. On October 23, Mackasey declared in the House of Commons, "I made it very clear yesterday — I should make this clear — that we did not issue an ultimatum, we did not".

The union maintained that the other issues to be discussed such as shift premiums or the casual labour rights of part-time employees, had to be agreed upon before a wage settlement could be reached.

However, on that same day, Mackasey sent a written reply to the CUPW's demands. He offered to resume negotiations on a "package proposal" wherein he was "not concerned with the order in which outstanding items were to be discussed."

In the proposal, he asked the union "to acquiesce tacitly with respect to our position on wages, recognizing that this acquiescence can be revoked by you if the outstanding items are not settled to your satisfaction."

In its reply, the union said that "there can be no question of the union 'acquiescing tacitly' to the wage offer that you still consider as final". It was obvious to the union that Mackasey's "attitude remained unchanged."

At the centre of the dispute lies the Government's treatment of the postal workers. According to Clement Morel, the National Director of the CUPW for the Quebec region, postal workers are treated like

letter carriers, in spite of the fact that the two jobs entail totally different responsibilities.

Morel added that the Government has dealt with the situation as if it were merely a wage dispute. He said that, in fact, wages were not a primary point of dispute.

Besides the problems with the contract's clauses, there are other outstanding grievances.

According to Morel, these include the recognition of the union by the Government. So far, the Government has been recognizing the postal workers only by "calling them together when it's convenient".

Secondly, they want to negotiate with the Government on the automation of the post offices which would, and is, rendering many men jobless. So far, Calgary has the only fully mechanized postal station but Morel said the Government is pouring one billion dollars into a massive project to automate throughout the country.

Finally, there is also the matter of seniority. Morel said that any senior postal worker who moves loses his seniority. He vowed that the workers would not go back to work until these grievances were acted upon by the Government.

At nine o'clock this morning Mackasey will appear at the conference table. According to the CUPW, however, there is no guarantee that the union will be there.

UFW proposes new strategy; specific products cited

by Cicely Kinsella

The United Farmworkers are demanding that chain stores boycott the products of specific growers. It was learned yesterday. In the past, the stores unilaterally boycotted all grape and lettuce products. "We hope to increase the effectiveness of the boycott this way," said one organizer. "So far, the stores have been very cooperative."

The UFW is also demanding inspection rights to the freezers of all Montreal-area chain stores, and that stores not advertise grape and lettuce products through the media. "If stores do not grant these demands, they will be subject

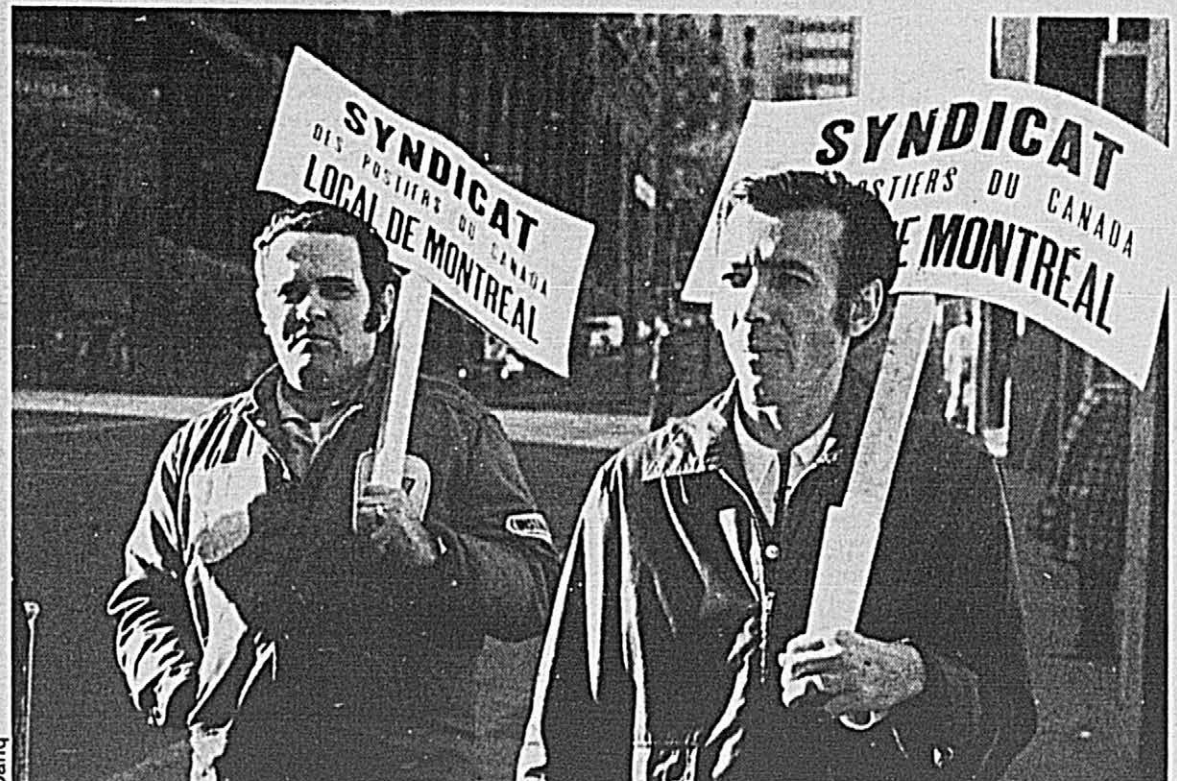
to a picket line," said one spokesperson.

The United Farmworkers exist to combat the poor conditions which migrant workers are presently subjected to. These conditions include the extensive use of child labour and a high rate of respiratory disease among workers from pesticides inhaled on the job. The average lifespan of a farmworker is 49 years.

The farmworkers are concentrated largely in the southwestern United States. Since their work is on a seasonal basis, the farmworkers are not subject to minimum wage laws, and are paid on a piece-work rather than hourly basis. In Canada, the situation is nearly as bad, with berry-pickers suffering the worst exploitation. In both countries, no effort has been made to organize farmworkers into unions until recently.

Elections were held this past

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Members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers maintain the picket lines on University Street. Negotiations proceed sporadically as Mackasey retracts earlier offers.

ERRATUM

Monday's Daily included an article on TA unionization in which the date for the next meeting was given incorrectly. The time for the meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 5 pm in Union 123.

around campus

Coming on Strong

If you have not heard yet, the Progressive Conservatives in Quebec have a new member of Parliament in Jacques Lavole, of the Hochelaga riding. This is merely the beginning of a new surge of the Conservative Party in Quebec, and there is much more to come.

With the new price and wage controls announced recently by the Prime Minister, the public is realizing the tragic mistake they made by voting a Liberal government into power in 1974. Basically if we would have had a Conservative government in during this period we would now be ahead one year economically.

Mr. Trudeau is losing face, with cabinet shuffles, resignations and the loss of his man, Mr. Juneau, in Hochelaga. It is time for more of an extreme position taken by the part of the government, and not lukewarm propositions which are presently being made by the Liberal government.

In February, the Conservatives are holding their leader-

ship convention, in Ottawa. If you are interested in having a say in who runs the future government of Canada, become politically involved in your area, and belong to a group in Quebec who cannot do anything but grow, you should and can be one of the three delegates sent to this upcoming convention.

Become a member of a group who is building rapidly and soon to be strong in this portion of the country.

Contact me for according information,

Bill Eden

YPC—Young Progressive Conservatives

Caribbean Students' Association

The University of Western Ontario's Caribbean students have invited us to London for this weekend. We leave on Friday, at 4 pm SHARP, return on Sunday night. It's free! (Bring money for food, etc.) If interested, contact Jerry 288-2854 or Kim 844-7721; or drop by the ISA Office, Union room B-40, by Wednesday night at the latest.

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summer to let farmworkers vote for the union they wished to join. Out of the 234 elections held this summer, 43% were won by UFW and 26% were won by the Teamsters' Union. Of the elections won by the Teamsters, over three quarters of these are being contested by UFW organizers because of the spurious way in which they were conducted.

As a result of the elections, several chain stores, including Dominion, ended their boycott. They said the elections were proof that the farmworkers' demands had been met. One organizer said, however, that "although growers had agreed to abide by the union that was elected, they had not in fact done so. They are continuing to ignore farmworkers' requests for better contracts and working conditions, and so the fight must go on," she said.

There will be a fund-raising movie night on November 27 for UFW. All students are urged to attend. For more information, call 525-3936.

letters

Collective press replies

To the Daily:

The Daily of Oct 23 carried a letter written by Sylvain Lapalme accusing the Women's Collective Press and the Students' Society of "short-term opportunism and...long-term statesmanship" respectively.

While the Executive of the Students' Society was probably delighted (and a little surprised?) to be perceived as showing "statesmanship", the WCP was not at all pleased with the perception of the group as opportunistic.

We felt that this was a serious charge that necessitated a reply.

The statement by the WCP in the Oct 22 Daily was written with the intention of reading it aloud during a Council meeting. It was assumed that clarification and debate would follow the reading. Only after no opportunity for reading the statement presented itself was the article given to the Daily.

It was short-sighted of the WCP not to have revised the statement for publication as we feel that it was the lack of clarification re the topic of inflation that occasioned the misunderstanding which led M. Lapalme to view our behavior as opportunistic.

The WCP has never stated that inflation was not diminishing student funds: rather, we questioned whether or not a fee hike was a valid request on the part of the Society given the latter's inability to ensure responsible handling of student funds. (See editorial in Women's Collective Press Vol. 2 No. 2.) It is also important to note that we did not reject the idea of a referendum absolutely. What we did say was "...the Women's Collective Press cannot in principle support the referendum at this point." (Daily Oct 21.)

The Daily (Oct 1 and 21) has given details of the Executive's mismanagement and arrogant behavior. These facts were not fabricated by the WCP in order to avoid fulfilling its promise to support the fee hike. We too will be affected by the lack of funds. However, given the situation that had evolved it became evident that we must re-evaluate our position and adjust it accordingly.

We feel that this was not opportunism on our parts, but was, and remains responsible behavior.

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CLIP & SAVE

today

Motorcycle Club:

Meeting at 1 pm in Union 327. General discussion as usual. Special topics are films and entertainment plans.

Solree Quebecoise-AEFUM:

L'Association des étudiants francophones présente la troupe folklorique "Les Tournesols", dans le cadre de sa semaine québécoise et du McGill Community Festival. Cette soirée de spectacle et de danse aura lieu dans le Union Ballroom, ce soir at 8 pm. Comme indiqué, il n'y a aucun prix d'entrée. De la bière et du caribou seront en vente. This activity is free and is for all students of McGill.

Library Workshops:

Today's topic is audio visual materials. Meet at the Redpath Undergraduate Library Info/Reference Desk at 3 pm.

Anthropology Students Association:

Meeting of ASA at 12 noon in Leacock 738. Voting of contract renewals reps, film series and a discussion of a graduate school seminar.

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Classes in modern Jazz Dance start today at 3 pm in Union Ballroom. Please sign up today on Players door for either Tuesdays or Thursdays. All interested welcome.

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MOC:

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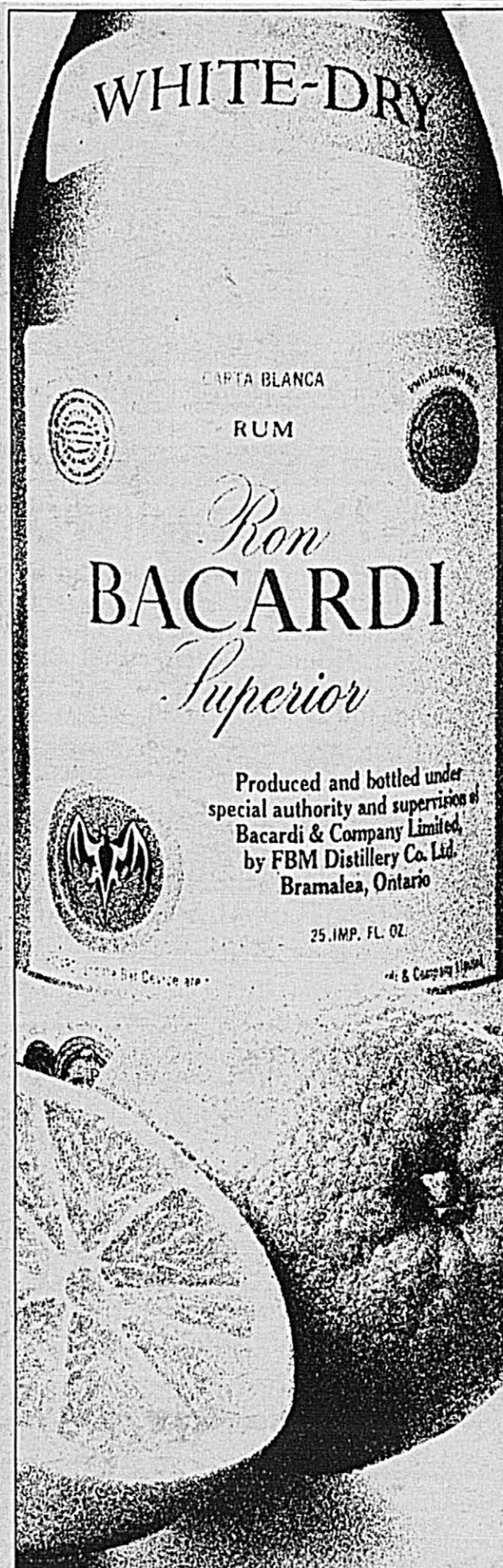
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